



Reggie Wassana swears in as the newly elected Cheyenne District 3 Legislator on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 in Clinton, Okla. (Photos by Shaida Tabrizi)

Do you solemnly swear ...?

Elected tribal officials are sworn into office

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

One by one, the newest members of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes’ legislative branch swear an oath of integrity, honesty and sincerity as they officially take up the post of district legislator.

On Jan. 2, 2016, a large crowd of tribal members met at the Clinton Community Center to witness the swearing in of legislators Burl Buffalomeat, C-1, Reggie Wassana, C-3, Patrick Spottedwolf, A-3 and Election Commissioner Dale Hamilton Sr. C-4. Legislator Winslow Sankey was also re-sworn in for his second term of office.

After an opening prayer, Chief Justice Daniel Webber took each man through the oath, which reads as follows: “That I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and Laws of the Cheyenne and Arapaho

Tribes of Oklahoma; That I will perform the duties of my office with all honesty, integrity and sincerity; That I will not allow my personal feelings towards any person or situation to determine my decision on any matter; That I will uphold the best interest of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; That I will not knowingly receive directly or indirectly any money or other valuable things for the performance or non-performance of any act or duty pertaining to my office other than that compensation allowed by law.

These things I faithfully promise myself, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and every member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. So help me God.”

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HUD and VA award \$5.9 million to 26 tribes to provide homes to Native American homeless veterans

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) For the first time, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) awarded \$5.9 million in grants to 26 tribes to offer a permanent home and supportive services to Native American Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

The Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) Program is a demonstration program that will combine \$5.9 million in rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA to serve 500 Native American Veterans. HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced the winners in Tulsa, Okla., at the winter meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

“By targeting resources directly to tribes, we can better honor the service and sacrifice of Native American Veterans who now need a roof over their heads,” said Castro. “These heroes deserve hope for a brighter future, and by offering permanent housing solutions, combined with needed services and case management, we can work with tribes to end veteran homelessness.”

HUD invited 30 eligible tribes to

seek Tribal HUD-VASH vouchers to help house and serve hundreds of Native American Veterans who are currently experiencing homelessness or at extreme risk of becoming homeless. Twenty-six tribes, from Alaska to New Mexico will deliver and manage the housing vouchers among their members who need them on tribal lands.

“Targeting HUD-VASH vouchers to Veterans living on tribal lands opens new opportunities for helping Native American Veterans exit homelessness as quickly as possible” said Secretary of Veteran Affairs Robert McDonald. “We are pleased that recent statutory changes to the HUD-VASH Program made it possible to award these vouchers for use within Indian Country, where Native American Veterans have existing support systems that can be aided by those provided under the HUD-VASH Program to help the Veterans remain stably housed.”

Since 2008 more than 79,000 vouchers have been awarded and approximately 90,000 homeless Veterans have been served through the broader HUD-VASH program. Rental assistance and supportive services provided through HUD-VASH are a critical resource for local communities in ending

homelessness among our nation’s Veterans.

In FY2015, Congress authorized funding for a demonstration program in order to expand the HUD-VASH program into Indian Country and directed HUD to coordinate with Indian tribes, tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) and other appropriate tribal organizations on the design of this program, and to ensure the effective delivery of housing assistance and supportive services to eligible Native American Veterans.

The Tribal HUD-VASH Program will provide rental assistance and supportive services to Native American Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas.

HUD is making available \$5.9 million in grant funding to Indian Tribes and TDHEs to fund rental assistance and associated administrative fees. Indian tribes and TDHEs participating in this program will partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide healthcare assistance to eligible Native American Veterans.



The Tribal HUD-VASH awards announced today are:				
State	Tribes	City	Amount	# of Veterans to be Housed
Alaska	Cook Inlet Housing Authority	Anchorage	\$313,058	20
	Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority	Juneau	\$324,749	20
Arizona	The Association of Village Council Presidents Regional Housing Authority	Bethel	\$391,740	20
	Navajo Housing Authority	Window Rock	\$268,835	20
	Hopi Housing Authority	Polacca	\$210,432	15
Minnesota	San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona	San Carlos	\$233,100	15
	Tobono Oodham Nation of Arizona	Sells	\$302,936	20
Montana	Leech Lake Housing Authority	Cass Lake	\$159,022	20
	White Earth Reservation Housing Authority	White Earth	\$142,980	20
New Mexico	Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana	Browning	\$229,171	20
	Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation, New Mexico	Zuni	\$123,288	10
North Carolina	Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina	Pembroke	\$185,604	20
	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians	Belcourt	\$173,942	20
Oklahoma	Standing Rock Housing Authority	Fort Yates	\$234,178	20
	Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	Tahlequah	\$194,405	20
Oregon	Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes	Concho	\$272,016	20
	Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Hugo	\$246,992	20
South Dakota	Osage Nation of Oklahoma	Pawhuska	\$265,438	20
	Muscogee(Creek) Nation,	Oklmulgee	\$216,566	20
Washington	Warm Springs Housing Authority	Warm Springs	\$240,237	20
	Ogala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota	Pine Ridge	\$190,898	20
Wisconsin	Sicangu Wicoti Aawayankapi (Rosebud)	Rosebud	\$183,011	20
	Yakama Nation Housing Authority	Wapato	\$145,283	20
Wisconsin	Spokane Indian Housing Authority	Spokane	\$245,809	20
	Colville Indian Housing Authority	Nespelem	\$179,892	20
Wisconsin	Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin	Oneida	\$204,934	20
	TOTAL:		\$5,878,516	500

Online gambling site resurfaces

Iowa Nation of Oklahoma announces launching of Pokertribe.com

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Iowa Nation of Oklahoma released a media statement announcing they are launching Pokertribe.com (singular) online gambling website in 2016.

In the Iowa tribes’ statement it refers to a previous agreement between Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, who own Pokertribes.com (plural). It states, in part, *“The State had previously determined that such Internet gaming was authorized under the Compact and had entered into a First Amended Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) with another Oklahoma tribe that authorized the offering of the subject “covered games” via the Internet games to persons located outside the United States. The parties to that Agreement submitted it to the United States Department of the Interior (“DOI”) but the agency rejected the language determining the Agreement constituted an amendment to the Compact and would have to be approved by DOI. The Oklahoma Tribes involved in the Agreement initially brought an action in federal court challenging the agency’s decision but later dismissed the action and decided not to move forward with the concept.”*

What this paragraph refers to is the original Pokertribes.com software initially purchased by former C&A Governor Janice Boswell from Universal Entertainment Group (UEG). In 2013, the state of Oklahoma made a stand against online gambling within the borders of Oklahoma, but later, revised that decision, signing an agreement with the C&A Tribes for 20 percent of revenue generated from the site, which would only be offered internationally, and not within the state of Oklahoma. Prior to launching the site internationally, the DOI ruled this would be illegal and could not be launched. The initial investment of \$9.4 million by former Governor Janice Boswell to UEG remains in question

by C&A tribal members, who had no knowledge of the transaction between Boswell and UEG.

In 2014 when the newly elected C&A Governor Eddie Hamilton came into office, his administration abandoned the plans to pursue online gaming outside the U.S. borders, stating spending more money on what was expected to be a costly and fruitless effort through federal court hearings was not worth the risk. He then proceeded to terminate several casino personnel and the attorney general responsible for pursuing federal approval of the website’s international operations, as reported by the *Tulsa World*.

“To be clear, this administration does not and has not ever opposed Internet gaming. However, we have questioned the troubling background of UEG, the dubious nature of the transaction, and the ridiculous attempt to alter our gaming compact to increase payments and give greater control to the State of Oklahoma. In our case, people employed by the tribes paid millions in our gaming revenues to a troublesome vendor for a speculative gaming deal, and several of them negotiated personal interests in the deal. Then they attempted to sell the tribes’ sovereignty to the state. It was a great deal for those individuals and a great deal for the state, but not for the Tribes, so we put an end to it,” Hamilton said.

It now appears the Iowa tribe sees online gambling worth the risk and is moving forward with launching their recently purchased site from UEG of Pokertribe.com (singular) and Pokertribe.gov. The Iowa tribe determined after reading the state’s agreement that the offering of “covered games” via the Internet was authorized under the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Compact, and it would appear Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin agrees.

The State of Oklahoma invoked the arbitration provision within the Compact, and



both the state and the Iowa tribe agreed to appoint retired state appellate court judge Charles Chapel as the sole arbitrator to resolve any disputes surrounding the tribes’ compact with the state. Chapel, who served 17 years on the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, rendered his decision on Nov. 24, 2015.

Chapel concluded, *“that the use of the Internet is merely using technology to play ‘covered games’ as a way to increase tribal revenues. It does not extend or restrict the scope of the games and does not amend the compact in any way.”*

“The tribes are currently analyzing the arbitration decision, monitoring the pending federal suit and evaluating available options. These options could involve the use of the software acquired by the prior administration or exploring a partnership with a different vendor about whom we would have fewer concerns. From what we have seen of the arbitration decision, it confirms our longstanding position that our predecessors’ attempt to amend the gaming compact was completely unnecessary and the terms they were willing to agree to with the state to try to carry out their arrangement with UEG would



have been devastating for the tribes,” Hamilton said. “From what I’ve seen in the news, the Iowa tribe does not appear to be burdened by any of the issues our tribes faced. We wish them the best while we continue to evaluate our legal options against the wrongdoers, and explore potential opportunities available to us as a result of the arbitration decision.”

The National Indian Gaming Commission’s only comment in reference to the media alert released by the Iowa Nation was, “yes we are aware of the situation and we are continuing to monitor it,” Mark Gaston, NIGC communication specialist said.

Attempts to reach Iowa Nation Chairman Bobby Walkup for comment were unsuccessful.

Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair

On the first Monday and Tuesday of April each year, the Native American Language department of the Sam Noble Museum hosts the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. Hundreds of pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade Native American language students participate in judged written and oral performance categories that celebrate the use of native languages in traditional and modern ways.

Started in 2003 by former Native American Language curator Mary Linn, Ph.D, the fair provides Native language learners an opportunity to showcase their accomplishments. The fair supports individual and community goals in language maintenance, revitalization and renewal in these ways:

Excellence in language teaching

In preparing for the fair, students and teachers have concrete goals to work toward in their language classes. In addition, the fair provides students and teachers with peer support and new ideas for language learning. The languages have new life with new speakers.

Creating better students

Multiple educational studies show that students in Native language programs perform as well as or better than their peers on academically rigorous tasks.

Instilling pride

Educational studies show that children in Native language programs have higher self-esteem and cultural pride and ultimately have stronger relationships with adults and their communities.

Creating a community of speakers

The fair introduces students to a community of language learners and speakers like themselves. Turning back years of shame associated with language use, the fair helps give prestige and prominence to the learning and speaking of Native languages.

Culturally appropriate assessment

Public speaking has always been a highly-regarded part of Native life. The fair creates a safe and supportive environment for students to use their languages and receive feedback.

Support of literacy and the arts

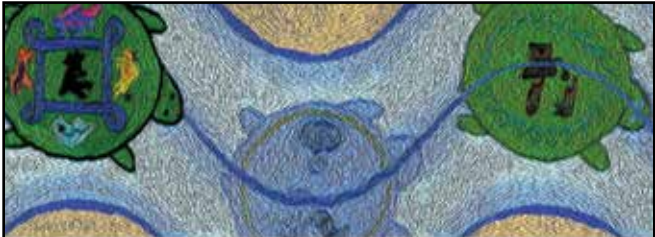
The fair underscores the value of written and oral literacy, and helps to produce the next generation of writers, storytellers and artists in Native communities.

Transition to higher education

The fair brings Native students into the museum and the University of Oklahoma, many for the first time, and welcomes them into an academic environment.

The fair increases the public’s awareness of language diversity and its contribution to Oklahoma’s rich cultural heritage.

The first language fair in 2003 attracted almost 200 students and teachers to participate in three categories, Poster Art, Spoken Language and Song with Language.



2016 Oklahoma Native American Language Fair

AT A GLANCE

January 11 - All Registration Opens
March 1 Fair Registration Closes
March 4 Material Submission Due
March 11 Judge & Volunteer Registration Closes
April 4 Day 1, Pre-K - 5th Grade
April 5 Day 2, 6th - 12th Grade

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The 2015 Fair featured twelve categories, Poster Art, Spoken Language, Modern and Traditional Song, Comics & Cartoons, Books & Literature, PowerPoint Presentation, Advocacy Essay, Film & Video, Spoken and Written Poetry and Master Performers.

The 2015 Language Fair marked the 13th anniversary of the event and drew some 2,700 visitors over two days to observe the work of 1,166 student participants from 90 different tribal, public school, community and family language teaching programs performed in 43 languages. Over 150 live performances and over 360 material submissions filled the program for this year’s fair (total of 514 entries). More than 80 judges, volunteers and staff supported the planning and operation of the fair. The 2015 theme was “Language in Our Future,” which led many students to consider the role of Native language in the contemporary world; cell phones, computers, spaceships and robots decorated many of the Poster Art submissions.

Sponsorship for the 2015 fair was provided by the Sac and Fox Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Choctaw Nation, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the OU Department of Anthropology - Native American Languages Program, OU Department of Native American Studies and University Silkscreen.

The 2016 Fair will be held on Monday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The new registration website is currently under construction and will be available Jan. 1, 2016.



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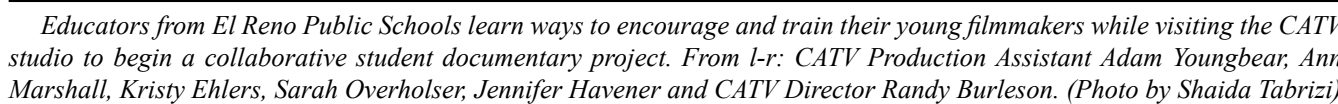
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CITY) The Oklahoma Dental Association, in partnership with the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Charitable Foundation, is planning the 7th annual Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM), a two-day event scheduled for February 5-6, 2016, at the Cox Convention Center, downtown OKC. This free, two-day dental clinic is open to the public as a fully-functional dental facility with 130 chairs and approximately 2,000 volunteers, including dental professionals who will provide their services at absolutely no charge. A variety of services will be offered at the event including: cleanings,

fillings, extractions and anterior root canals. There will be no eligibility or income requirements to be treated and ODA member dentists expect to serve 2,000 children and adults on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointments will be accepted. Since 2010, 10,599 patients have received 54,042 different dental procedures totaling \$7,026,271 in free dental treatment through the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy.

That’s an average of \$662.92 per patient.

The ODA would like to invite you to join us for the Opening Ceremony of the event, 8:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m., at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.



By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

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Dec 8	Special Session/Concho	*	*	*			*	*	
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Dec 16	Special Session/Concho	*		*				*	
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Dec 24	Hearing/Concho	*	*	*			*	*	

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SHAKE, RATTLE AND WONDER

How much environmental damage is fracking causing in Oklahoma?

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Oklahoma homeowners are continuing to reel from daily earthquakes shaking the ground, and causing major damage to their homes. On Jan. 7, 30 earthquakes were recorded in the town of Fairview, Okla., in one day.

All evidence points to “fracking” as the culprit causing the surge of earthquakes that have begun to plague Oklahoma beginning in 2011 and increasing exponentially over the past four years.

Oklahoma’s increased earthquake phenomenon included a 5.7-magnitude tremor that injured residents and damaged 200 buildings in November 2011. In 2014, Oklahoma was the most seismically active state in the Lower 48 and recorded three times as many quakes as California according to the Center for Investigating Reporting Website.

There is a general consensus among scientists that the

spike in Oklahoma’s earthquake activity has been triggered by disposal wells, used to dispose of waste from oil and gas drilling operations, including hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” a phenomenon known as “induced” seismicity. Nearly two-dozen published papers have concluded disposal wells and quakes are likely connected, the *New Yorker* reported in April 2015. There are about 3,200 active disposal wells in Oklahoma as of April 2015, according to data from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the state’s oil and gas regulator.

What is fracking?

Fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water mixture is directed at the rock to release the gas inside. Water, sand and chemicals are injected into the rock at high pressure which allows the gas to flow out to the head of the well. The process can be carried out vertically or, more commonly, by drilling horizontally to the rock layer and can create new pathways to release gas or can be used to extend existing channels.

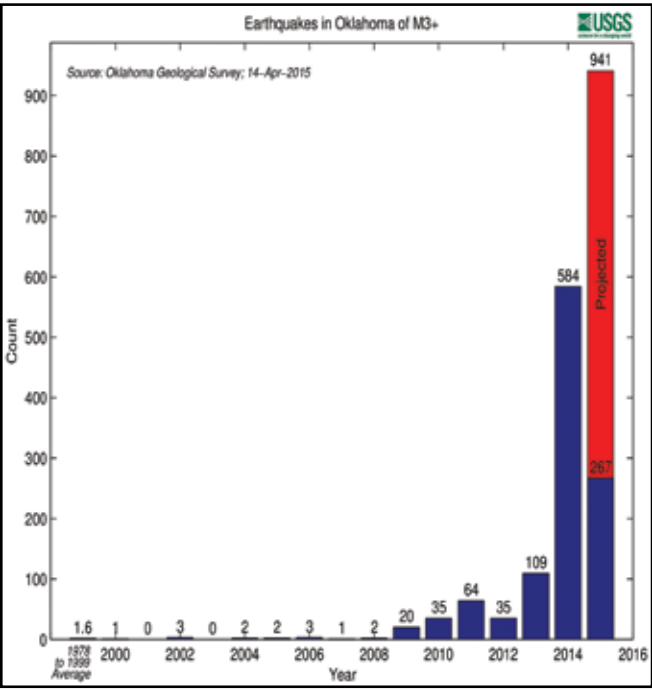
The term fracking refers to how the rock is fractured apart by the high pressure mixture.

Why is it controversial?

The extensive use of fracking in the US, where it has revolutionized the energy industry, has prompted environmental concerns. Fracking uses huge amounts of water, which must be transported to the fracking site, at significant environmental cost.

Environmentalists say potentially carcinogenic chemicals used may escape and contaminate groundwater around the fracking site. The industry suggests pollution incidents are the results of bad practice, rather than an inherently risky technique.

There are also worries that the fracking process causes earthquakes, which continually get worse over time.



Campaigners say that fracking is simply distracting energy firms and governments from investing in renewable sources of energy, and encouraging continued reliance on fossil fuels.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission is trying to minimize earthquakes by restricting the underground disposal of drilling wastewater, has been forced to take legal steps to get one Oklahoma based company to comply with its latest directives. SandRidge Energy operates six wells currently “in question” by the commission and to date have failed to respond to the commission’s request for shutting in the wells and/or reducing the amount of wastewater being injected into the earth.

Experts are advising Oklahoma residents to begin “securing” items in their homes and to be fully versed in the language provided in earthquake insurance.

To report an earthquake or for information regarding active well site near a property call the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at 405-521-2211.

The big warning: Geophysicist suggests preparing for stronger quakes

(OKLAHOMA CITY) Edmond area residents should prepare for a larger, more damaging earthquake, research geophysicist Daniel McNamara said. The recent temblor swarms could signal a magnitude 5.0 quake is likely, he said.

McNamara works in the U.S. Geological Survey’s Geologic Hazards Science Center in Golden, Colo. He and his colleagues provide data used for short-term forecasting and establishing building codes.

The faults underneath the Edmond region bear a striking resemblance to the faults under Prague, where a magnitude 5.6 quake struck in 2011, he said. Two temblors larger than magnitude 4 hit Prague before the 2011 event shook the region.

A magnitude 4.3 quake hit Edmond on Dec. 29 and a magnitude 4.2 temblor hit Jan 1.

“When we see two magnitude 4s in a single fault, it starts to look like something could rupture,” McNamara said. “The orientation of the fault is very close, nearly identical to Prague.”

USGS Geophysics Researcher Daniel McNamara said the fault system underneath Edmond is capable of producing a larger, more damaging earthquake.

Edmond’s fault could produce a temblor of the same magnitude, about 5.6,

he said.

Residents should take precautions to secure heavy furniture, such as bookshelves and large televisions, McNamara said. It’s common to bolt down things in California, and Oklahomans should adopt the same approach, he said.

Oklahoma Geological Survey Director Jeremy Boak said he’s not quite as alarmed as McNamara, but did not want to rule out the possibility of more damaging seismic events in the Edmond region. Boak’s agency manages equipment statewide that records quakes, but it isn’t charged with alerting the public of seismic hazards.

Boak said he wasn’t sure there is enough data to make a specific prediction about location and probability of a larger Oklahoma quake. Sooner State seismic data OGS and USGS gather follow the Gutenberg-Richter principle, in which a number of smaller quakes will lead to a larger quake.

“Dan McNamara is technically correct, there is some risk,” Boak said. “We’ve had that feeling for quite some time.”

Boak said more seismic data is needed to pinpoint the location of a stronger future quake. But residents should heed McNamara’s warning, because he’s the

By: Sarah Terry-Cobo, The Journal Record

nation’s leading researcher on seismic hazards.

Edmond resident and Realtor Benjamin Floyd said he was moderately concerned about the warning. He owns 525 Realty Group and is also a home builder, certified home inspector and lives in the neighborhood closest to the Jan. 1 temblor.

“A 5.6 is huge,” Floyd said. “If it hits central Edmond, we’ll see bricks falling off walls.”

But it would take a magnitude 6.0 or stronger to create major structural damage, he said.

His construction crews repaired minor damage to mortar in Fairfax Park Estates homes Wednesday. He hasn’t seen any catastrophic structural damage to more than a dozen residences he examined in the neighborhood. He lives in the addition and had only one stone fall from outside his home.

But some damage is odd, he said. All the mortar from a stone fireplace was blown off of one home, though none of the stones fell.

Floyd said he wasn’t likely to bolt down heavy furniture and appliances in his home. But if stronger earthquakes continue, those precautions are wise, he said.

Native Business: Traits of Successful Employees

Employees of a successful organization think differently than their counterparts at a failing company and are able to seize opportunities faster. Quality employees think more like entrepreneurs and work daily to drive the company forward. The mindset of success is learned where positive habits are developed and executed consistently.

Focus on opportunities, not problems. Problems are challenges without a recommendation for improvement.

Focus on problems does not help because energy is concentrated on symptoms like hard feelings. Opportunities differ because they come with an evaluation of a situation to understand why an obstacle exists plus a recommendation for corrective action to mitigate a problem.

Hard work. The ability to focus and work intensely at the execution of one’s role. Never stop learning to understand how things are connected and how one’s role contributes to the success of the organization.

Challenge the status quo. A willingness to look at a situation and define the moving parts so one can understand how things work to see if there is a better way to do something. Conversely, understanding how something works may also reinforce the appropriateness of an activity. It is the ability to look at

a practice and self-evaluate, “does this make sense.” If-yes, keep it. If-no, then work to make it better.

Learn from failure. Making small calculated-mistakes on the pathway to progress is a way to acquire new knowledge and improve. A term in business that describes this mindset is “fall forward fast.” Companies that innovate will consider small mistakes a component of progress. Employees are

likely to feel a deeper sense of trust with their managers and more empowered to own results.

Jim Stanley freely shares his business knowledge in the interest of promoting economic development in Indian Country. Jim oversees all fishing operations of the Quinault Indian Nation, is the Treasurer of the Tribal C-Store Summit Group, and has over 13 years commercial lending experience.



BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

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May 9-11, 2016 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort in Honolulu. For more information or to register visit www.naihc.net.

Swearing in

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Legislature C1


Legislature A3


Election Commission A2


From l-r: Burl Buffalomeat is sworn in as the newly elected Cheyenne District 1 legislator. Patrick Spottedwolf is sworn in for another term as Arapaho District 3 legislator and Dale Hamilton is sworn in as the newly elected Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner. Not pictured is Winslow Sankey, who is serving another term as Arapaho District 4 legislator.

After the newly elected officials took their oaths, many thanked their families for support and shared their plans for the upcoming term.

“I’m here to help our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes,” Buffalomeat said. “I’m going to carry on the same tradition, the same that I was taught to stand up for my people, my family and my friends. I’m going to do the same thing for the elders.”

Spottedwolf drew attention to the controversial acts of police violence against Native American youth in the Clinton area and asked tribal members to work together to change this problem.

“One of the things I want to try for is,

our young people are getting in trouble. And the police are coming after them really hard. Here in Clinton, two people were shot for no reason at all. They were shot because their parents called the police, hoping the police would come and quiet the person down. But instead they pulled out a gun and started shooting before they even talked to them,” Spottedwolf said. “That’s not right. Together we can change these things. We have to keep doing that in order to protect our people, protect our children. I know we can work together.”

During the first regular meeting of the Sixth Legislature, Wassana was voted in as Speaker of the House.

Culture & Heritage, 2015 year in review



On behalf of the Culture & Heritage Program we would like to thank all the participants, programs and instructors who attended the meetings, events, and activities hosted in 2015. Without your support we wouldn’t be able to have reached the goals set forth by the Culture and Heritage Program throughout the year.

We hope to continue 2016 with more activities, events and opportunities to learn traditional history, culture and crafts. Ha-ho.



POWwows & Events CALENDAR

70th Birthday Dance for Nellie Littleman
Jan. 16, 2016 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 6 p.m., with dance to follow. For more information call 580-339-1008.

Family Craft Time
5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Jan. 19 at the Canton Community Center in Canton, Okla., Jan. 21 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla., and Jan. 26 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Chokers and bandoliers projects. All projects

are yours to keep. For more information call 405-422-7428.

Higher Education’s Meet and Greet-Redlands Community College
10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Jan. 19, 2016 at the Redlands Community College, hallway next to conference center in El Reno, Okla. For more information call 405-422-7646.

First Birthday Dance for Timothy Lee Fletcher Jr.

Jan. 30, 2016 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Chalepah Blackfeet Society Dance 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., supper at 6 p.m. with dance to follow. Everyone invited to attend, lots of raffles. Sponsored by the Fletcher family.

First Birthday Dance for Nauko Fletcher-Whiteman
Jan. 30, 2016 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dancing begins at 3 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by celebration dance. For more

information contact Angie Fletcher at 580-445-1382.

The ninth annual Doyle Lonelodge Memorial Basketball Tournament
Jan. 30-31, 2016 at the Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T. gym in Clinton, Okla. Deadline to register is 5 p.m., Jan. 26, 2016. All teams must consist of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members 18 years or older. For more information or to register call 405-422-7570.

Arapaho Chief’s Meet-

ing
12 noon, Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at the Geary Community Center. Discussing Arapaho tribal issues, dance to follow. For more information contact Robert Tabor at 405-301-4558.

LIHEAP Community Outreach Meetings
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Feb. 10 Seiling Community Center, Feb. 16 Woodward Public Library and Feb. 18, Kingfisher Memorial Library. Portable floor heaters and blankets will be distributed

to those who qualify, first come first served. Remember to bring proof of income for all household members 18 years and older, CDIBs for household members and a copy of utility bill. For more information call 405-422-7476.

The ninth annual Preparing for the 7th Generation Conference
April 12-14, 2016 at the Double Tree Hilton in Tulsa, Okla. Registration is free. For more information call 405-715-4474.

Buffalo Burgers



2 pounds ground bison (buffalo)
2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh sage
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons black pepper
1/2 onion, finely chopped
2 Tbsp vegetable oil
Smoky barbecue sauce

Sauté the onions in the olive oil over medium-high heat until translucent. Turn off the heat and let it cool. When the onions are cool enough to touch, use your hands to gently mix them in with the bison burger meat, and add everything else. Do not overwork the meat, it will result in a tough

burger. Gently fold it until the onions, sage, salt and pepper are well mixed in.

Form patties with the meat, using about 1/4 to 1/3 of a pound of meat per patty. Grill or fry the burgers on medium heat, about 6-7 minutes per side, less or more depending on the thickness of the burger and the heat of the pan/grill, or until the internal temperature is 140°F for medium rare, or 160°F for well done. Let the burgers rest about 5 minutes before serving.

Serve the burger with lettuce and tomato, topped with a smoky barbecue sauce.




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List of C-A tribal members on Cobell list of “Whereabouts Unknown”

(WASHINGTON-D.C.) As of December 2015, nearly \$1.2 billion has been paid to individual Indians, according to a filing in federal court. The figure accounts for more than 94 percent of the available settlement funds. But finding everyone who is eligible for a payment has been rather difficult, according to the filing.

Tens of thousands of beneficiaries who are owed a share of the settlement still haven’t been identified or located due to inaccurate records, inadequate data and just plain

bad information.

For more information you can also call the toll-free number, 1-800-961-6109, or email Info@IndianTrust.com.

Members of Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma designated as “Whereabouts Unknown” as well as Class Members whose contact information is not current with the Claims Administrator is listed below.

Agnes Oldbear Albert W Cooley Jr Estate Alice K Nightwalker Allan L Sitting Bull Jr Estate Alvin Tall Bear Amelia M Curtis Andrew Yellow Eagle Jr Estate Anita L Kent Anna Curtis Estate Annie Shomo Anthony Shoulderblade Estate Ardena F Sittingbull Arthur Madbull Estate Arthur Rowlodge Arthur Thunderbull Beatrice W Nanpooya Betty Lumpmouth Beverly A Welch Bobby R Whiteman Buddy G Two Babies Sr C Geboe Carrie Lastbull Cassandra K Littleman Charles A Hail Charles Behan Charles Campbell Estate Charles S Blackbird Estate Christopher L Plumley Cinda Lincoln Pekah Clara M Pigg Estate Clarence Haag Claude Harrold Coleene Osage Estate Connie B Oldman Corey F Rowe Craig E Ross Daisy Williams Daniel B Beard Daniel Behan Estate Closed Daniel W Blackowl Estate Danielle M Slinkey Estate Darwin L Dickinson Estate David L Madbull Estate David Surveyor David V Flyingman Deborah S Valor Delores L Williams Newby Estate Delores Mendez Denton Dyer Estate Derald W Riley Dorothy Blind Dorothy I Calhoun Dorothy Shortman Dustin Whiteman Earl S Knight Estate Edmond H Burns Jr Edward Bull Edward Island Edward J Pena Jr Estate Edward L Moats Estate Edward Owl King Estate Edwin J Taylor Ellen L Sweezy Elliot Tasso Sr Estate Elsie Welbourne Elvin Surveyor Elwood H Harrington Emily Geboe Estate Emmett Whiteshield Eric D Minnis Estate Erma Bearhead Ernest Big Medicine	Erwin F Chapman Esther Pawnee Evelyn Miller Estate Floyd Blackwolf Jr Estate Frances Beaver Francis Flores Jr Francis J Flores Jr Estate Frank Flying Estate Fred C Logan Sr Estate Fred Littleman Estate Fred Roundstone Fred Standingwater Fred Yellowhawk Freda Sue Crowels Heirs Freeman White Hawk Estate Freida M Valor Garland W Gould Garland W Gould Gary Hicks Gena D Lime George Cleveland George Fletcher Estate George I Franklin Estate Gilbert Gould Gilford Loneman Gladys A Kaney Estate Gloria J Cleveland Gordon J Pawpa Estate Grace Tucker Whittaker Gwendlyn E Reynolds Estate Gwendolyn M Riggs H Roman Nose Harold A Goss Harry R Whiteshield Jr Estate Harvey Mousetrail Henry Mann Jr Estate Herman G White Hawk Holding T Together Hortense Cadel Ida Wassana Estate Iola M Hadley Estate James D White Buffalo James E Sifford James G Geboe James Scabbyhorse Jr Jamie L Limpy Jasper Whitehat Jay M Burgett Estate Jay Mark Bull Bear Estate Jeanette Riggs Jeannie Lone Elk Jeremy A Limpy Jessie M White Horse Estate Jim Landreath Joann Winsea Estate Joanne H Sissons Estate Johanna Hauser Sanford Estate John Antelope Jr John Greany Sr Estate John J Bent John L Hoof John L Old Camp John Michon John Red Cloud John T Youngbull Johnnie S Youngbull Josephine M Yelloweyes Estate Julia S Finley Estate Julia W Roman K Hamilton Karen S Plumley Katherine Von Woudenberg	Keith D Cedartree Estate Kish Whitebird Kristina Gould Laura J Brooks Laura R Conn Lawrence W Riley Estate Lelan Whiteshirt Estate Leman W Whiteskunk Leona F Black Estate Leonard Yelloweyes Estate Leslie K (Roberts) Flint Estate Lester Meat Lillian Levi Estate Linda Lincoln Estate Linda M Howlingcrane Lisa Y Redmon Lois Jean Jackson Louis F Murray Louise J Roby Lucy Y Wilson Lulu J Little Elk Lulu Jean Blackowl Lyman Drunkard Lynn A Flyingout Estate M Roman Nose Maggie Bull Coming Demke Maggie Lonelodge Marcellus H Conn Marcus Enriquez Jr Estate Margaret N Standingwater Estate Margaret T Mcconnell Margie J Stone Marie Cleveland Estate Marie J Anderson Marion F Koen Mark A Thompson Estate Marlene Cleveland Marlene Finley Marlene Hadley Marlene N Hill Martha Thunderbull Estate Martin Fingernail Estate Martsaha Mary A Little Yellowman Mary E Hauser Hunter Mary E Mad Bull Estate Mary F Flyingman Saumpty Mary Gilbert Mary K Sanders Mary Littlebird Maude Allrunner Estate Maurice Lime Est Maxine Howlingcrane White Estate Melinda Phillips Estate Merle E Ellis Estate Michael Starr S Michelle D Youngbear Milton R Osage Sr Estate Minnie Harrison Primeaux Estate Minnie Williams Estate Nancy Birdchief Nellie White Skunk Johnson Estate Nettie J Crotzer Nina M 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Defensive Driving Course and Alive @ 25 Workshop are huge success

Thanks to participants and Tribal Transportation Safety Department

By Morgan Halfred



On Dec. 18, 2015 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Transportation Safety Program held a Defensive Driving Course in Clinton, Okla. for tribal members and employees, with Karla Sisco, TTAP-Program Manager, as the instructor. We had a turn out of 17 participants, which we were pleased to see.

On Dec. 22, 2015 we also held an Alive @ 25 workshop at the same location. The Alive @ 25 workshop is geared toward children and young adults between the ages of 15-25. Despite the fact the workshop was held over Christmas break we still had 15 students to attend. Tabatha Harris, TTAP-Tribal Safety Circuit Rider, was the instructor

for this workshop. We also had Pioneer Telephone Cooperative provide a simulated driving device for the students to experience what it is like to drive in certain conditions. When students got the hang of it, they were asked to pull out their cell phone and text someone, although it is just a simulation, hopefully they remember it next time they think about texting and driving in real life scenario. Every participant also received an incentive for participating.

The Tribal Transportion Safety Program looks forward to having more courses and workshops in the future. For more information or questions, please contact the Tribal Transportation Program at 405-422-7596.



Happy Birthday



Happy 3rd Birthday
Matthew Kendric
Kauley!
Jan. 9
We love you!

To my little sister
Amy Ray Nicole
Roman Nose
Best wishes and
happy birthday!
Dec. 21 Love y'all. Miss
y'all everyday.
From your bro Zak
locked down behind the
fences with the razor's...



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JOSIAN TSATOKE
JAN. 18
LOVE, GRANDPA AND
DAD



Happy Belated Birthday
to our beautiful
Miss Indian Oklahoma
Carmen "Pretty Horses"
Sankey
Jan. 11
Your family is very proud
of you.
Love, mom, dad,
Courtney, Todd & Sage

Happy Belated
Birthday
Charlize Hatch
Jan. 1
Love, your auntie Gail
and family from Elk
City

Happy Belated
Birthday Carol Hatch
Jan. 10
From the Elk City crew



Happy Birthday Gary Lee Morton Jr!
We love you too bunch!
January 18th



Happy Birthday to
Charisse Warrior!
January 18
From your Aunties:
Carol, Jo and Nell! And
many other cousins and
friends! Love and good
memories!



Missing You
Deforest "Mock"
Tallbear Sr.
1/19/2012
Miss you every day,
daddy.
Margaret, Blaine,
Brandy, Baylee, Tori
De & Jeannie, Andie,
Macey, Little, Mayelle,
Malaina, Eli and Lylah
Mitchell



Happy 7th Birthday to our crazy,
beautiful, free spirited, amazing,
loving, awesome child
Aracelie Aubriel Carlton!
We hope you have an amazing
day. Keep dreaming big baby girl,
reach far beyond the moon and
stars! We love you, Booga and are
very proud of you! Love always
mommy, daddy and sissys!

Happy Birthday James
Sleeper, Melissa Curley
& Kendra Sleeper!
We love y'all! May God
bless y'all with many
many more happy
bitrthdays



Kaisynn Pete Allrunner
Born Dec. 30, 2015
7 lbs. 6 oz. 20 inches long
Integris Regional Hospital in
Clinton, Okla.
Proud parents are Jacob Allrunner
and Brittini Richardson
Maternal grandparents are Sandra
Richardson & Glen Richardson
Paternal grandparents are
Sandra Jean Williams and Donald
Allrunner
Great grandparents are Herman &
Jessie Youngbear
Great-great-grandparents are
Jacob Allrunner and Sage Woman
Allrunner



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary
Jan. 27
38 years and counting to Gail & Raymond Tablepah

my first birthday

Niveyah Happy
Lilyian Ramos
Happy 1st Birthday
Jan. 13
Love ya lots,
Grandma Jackie, papa
Sheldon, auntie Abby and
Kayla, uncle Jr., your
bubba Raydon & Quinton

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Family Craft Time

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Canton Community Hall: January 14th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Clinton Community Bldg: January 21st 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Concho Community Bldg: January 26th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

DRINKS & SNACKS PROVIDED.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED &
MONITORED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.
CLASSES WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY @ 5:30 P.M.
NO SUPPLIES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AFTER 6:00 P.M.
THIS IS TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR INSTRUCTION.

For more information, please contact:
SPF-TUG: 405.422.7428
Culture & Heritage: 405.422.7522
Respect Program: 405.422.7585

THANK YOU

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Program would like to thank Governor Eddie Hamilton, Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey, Christopher Roman Nose, CAO & the Executive office for providing the hams for our Head Start children and families for the Christmas holiday.

The Head Start Program would also like to thank the JOM

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Program for providing each child with a wonderful Christmas gift. The children and their families enjoyed the Christmas Party and seeing the children have so much fun with their new gifts was a joy. All three centers Concho, Canton, & Clinton are grateful for the generosity and support shown to our program and our children.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Sandra Lynn Bedoka
April 6, 1959
Dec. 30, 2015

Funeral services for Sandra Lynn Bedoka were held Jan. 7 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery.

Bruce James Bushy
Dec. 27, 1959
Jan. 5, 2016

Funeral services for Bruce James Bushy were held Jan. 9 at the Concho Native American Church in Concho, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery.

Robert D. Pedro
Jan. 27, 1938
Dec. 4, 2015

Memorial services were held Jan. 9 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Pedro Family Cemetery.

Robin Dale RedNose
July 8, 1965
Jan. 3, 2016

Memorial services were held Jan. 7 at the Comanche National Funeral Home Chapel in Lawton, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko, Okla.

Erin Ashley Magpie
09/10/1992 - 12/22/2015

Funeral Service
Wednesday, January 06, 2016
2:00 p.m.
Boulder Funeral Home Chapel
123 18th St. South
Fargo, ND

Interment
Holy Cross North Cemetery
Fargo, ND

Boulder Funeral Home, Fargo, ND (701) 237-6441

CLASSIFIEDS

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver’s license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email atisdale@c-a-tribes.org.

**Director of Procurement,
Grants & Contracts
Closing: Until Filled**

**Green House Garden
Project Coordinator
Closing: Until Filled**

**Warehouse Tech I
Food Dist. - Watonga
Closing: Until Filled**

**Land Management
Director - Concho
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s degree or master’s degree preferred. Supervisory experience. Must have substantial experience in government grants and contracts administration and compliance. Must have in-depth knowledge of federal, state and local government rules and regulations concerning grants and contracts. Must have well-developed analytical, problem solving and managerial skills. Good computer skills in using on-line systems and databases is required. Experience in managing post grant and contract activities are necessary. Excellent interpersonal, organizational, oral and written communications skills are required. Knowledge of Cheyenne-Arapaho culture, history, traditions and service area. Dependable transportation and valid Oklahoma driver’s license is required. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. Must pass pre-hire drug screen.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
Associates degree or certificate in landscaping, gardening or horticulture preferred. Must be able to pass background investigation. Knowledge and experience in the area of gardening and greenhouses. Knowledge of traditional Native foods and cultivation of foods. Ability to research and implement healthy and organic gardening methods. Two years supervisory experience. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Ability to communicate proficiently both orally and written. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs. Knowledge of financial reporting/budgets. Display a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
High school graduate or GED required. Must be able to do moderate to heavy lifting. Must pass a physical examination. Must have demonstrated ability to operate PC Computer. Oklahoma CDL preferred, forklift operator’s license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
Incumbent should be able to follow directions, communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Some knowledge of maps, plans and other data related to construction will be beneficial but not required. Have some knowledge in realty terminology, oil and gas and leasing desired but not required. Familiar with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal lands. Hold a bachelor’s degree or master’s degree in areas relative to land management, some college and/or related work experience or equivalent. Work experience of five years or more in any of the following areas is preferred: Oil & Gas Landman, Land Management & Real Estate, Energy, Natural Resource, Title & Abstract or Tribal Land Management. Must have knowledge in the operation of various office machines and be computer literate. Must have knowledge of Hearth Act. Ability to communicate and relate to Indian and non-Indian communities. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver’s license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Transit Driver II
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Tribal Transit
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**Staff Assistant-E.N.C.
Caregiver Program
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Valid Oklahoma Class D driver’s license. Must possess or be willing to obtain CPR certification. Transit drivers must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and are subjected to random drug testing. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds with no physical barriers. Applicant must be able to communicate effectively to patrons and supervisors any findings or incidents. High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
Citizenship and right to work in the United States. Must be a veteran, having separated under honorable conditions from any branch of the U.S. armed forces after having served active duty for at least 181 consecutive days, or by reason of disability incurred while serving on active duty. A bachelor’s degree is desirable. One to two years of related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. Valid Oklahoma state driver’s license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Qualifications:
Must be computer literate in Microsoft Office or comparable software programs. Must have good organizational skills. Possess a high school diploma or GED certification. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license required. Cheyenne-Arapaho tribal preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

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Public Notice
TO: ALL CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS
(18 YEARS AND OLDER ON OR BEFORE January 23, 2016)
Special Tribal Council Meeting
10 a.m. Saturday Jan. 23rd, 2016
Concho Community Hall – Concho, Okla.

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes’ Constitution, pursuant to Article V. Sec.3 (b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five Members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call the Special Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be conducted at the Special Meeting.

A Special Tribal Council Meeting is being called for on Saturday, January 23rd, 2016 at 10:00 am. The special tribal council meeting shall be held at the Concho Community Building, Concho, Okla. This meeting is being rescheduled from Dec. 29th, 2015 due to unforeseen weather events.

The purpose shall be:
A Tribal Council Resolution to Approve Tribal Trust Accounting Lawsuit

The following items will be posted at the Office of Tribal Council (located at Concho Community Hall), Concho Tribal headquarters, & Watonga Republican. Any resolution is available to the public.

Business:
Resolution No. 122915ptc-001 A Tribal Council Resolution to Approve Tribal Trust Accounting Lawsuit

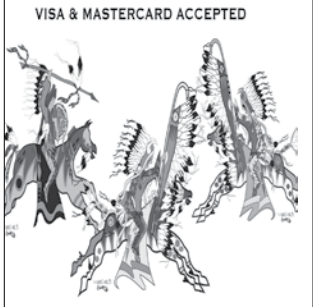
In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes’ Constitution, Article V. Sec. 3 (c) The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least fifteen days before such Meeting.
(Reminder to have CDIB’s on hand for sign in)



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(580) 331-2317 Office
(405) 422-8229 Fax

Office Hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm



Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Elder Care Program

2016 WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE

****Effective February 2, 2016****

Print Name:	Always provide your CDIB# 2801A
Date of Birth:	If NEW to the program, submit copy of your CDIB and D.L. or State ID. (please do not fax)
Spouses Name:	
Physical Address:	City: State: Zip:
Phone ()	Message Phone ()

1 UTILITY HEATING ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR PRIMARY HEATING SOURCE

- ✓ We will assist with current amount ONLY, NO PAST DUE balances
- ✓ If you have a “ZERO “ or “CREDIT” balance, NO payment will be made
- ✓ Must submit your complete current utility statement each time you apply, if the bill is not in your name, you must submit a completed 2015 Residence Verification Form.
- ✓ Maximum allowable amount is up to \$300.00 on current bill only (Pre-paid is capped at \$200.00)
- ✓ One (1) request per household.
- ✓ This is in addition to your regular 90-day Elder Care Assistance
- ✓ This will exclude “yard lights” or “Security lights” on electric bills if they are to be paid.
- ✓ If you are on Average billing or Budget billing then that is the amount we will pay. We will NOT pay the current amount if you are on Average or Budget billing.

*****FINAL DISCONNECTION NOTICES OR RE-CONNECT FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED*****

X Tribal Member Signature

MM/DD/YY

Please select the month in which you are applying for the Winter Heating Assistance Program:

February 2016 March 2016

Final Submission dates for this assistance are as follows:
February 2016 ~ last day we will take utility bills and applications will be March 31, 2016
March 2016 ~ last day we will take utility bills and applications will be April 29, 2016

ALL bills and Applications MUST be in by the dates listed above, NO EXCEPTIONS
Please allow additional time to process check requests, up to 21 days from the date application is turned in to the Elder Care Program

TRIBAL TRIBUNE
DEADLINES

At 3 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.



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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes)
In the Interest of:)
)
H. W. B., aka H.W.) Case No. JFJ-2015-06
DOB: 07-09-2015)
)
Alleged Deprived Neglected or Dependent Child.)
)
And Concerning:)
)
Unknown Biological Father)

**SUMMONS
AND
NOTICE OF HEARING**

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Unknown Biological Father

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Juvenile Petition has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor child is a deprived, neglected or dependent child and requesting the Court to adjudicate said child as such, and further stating that the termination of the parent-child legal relationship between the child H. W. B., also known as H.W. , and her unknown biological father is a possible remedy available if the Juvenile Petition is sustained, all as more fully set out in the Juvenile Petition.

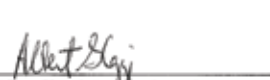
YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 6th day of January, 2016, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Juvenile Petition and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the Juvenile Petition.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the juvenile petition at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the juvenile petition and the right to object to the granting of the juvenile petition and to show why your said child should not be adjudicated to be a dependent or neglected child. Your failure to willfully appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court adjudicating your said child as a dependent or neglected child in accordance with law.

Dated this 6th day of January, 2016.



Lisa B. Otipoby Herbert, Judge
Cheyenne and Arapaho District Court



Albert Ghezzi, Attorney General
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
P.O. Box 32
Concho, Oklahoma 73022
(405) 422-7855 or 425-9242

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Deadline for TPC Poster entries January 29

Approximately 14,000 students enter the Statewide Trash Poster Contest, annually, making this poster judging very competitive and certainly very interesting! In addition to other prizes, 12 chosen state winning posters will be featured in 35,000 printed calendars. Thirty-thousand copies each of “one” additional state winning poster is also selected and will be reproduced in a large dynamic color poster format for display as the “Promotional Poster of the Year.” These items are distributed to Oklahoma federal, state, city and county agencies, schools, libraries, municipalities and many other businesses, organizations, groups and individuals, statewide, nationally and internationally.

The contest is organized by the following representatives from their respective partnership organizations: Melody Johnson, Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), Sarah Ivey, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Tom Creider, Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department, State Parks (OTRD-SP), Rhonda Ward, Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA), Glen Henry, Oklahoma State Department of Education (SDE), Donna Hardridge, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO), Jeanette Nance, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB), Lisa Synar, Oklahoma City Beautiful (OKCB), Jennifer Brown, Oklahoma Arts Council (OAC), Lind-

say Farris, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Melody Marti, O.G.&E., Jennifer Lown, Oklahoma Employees Credit Union, and Jackie Smith, Oklahoma Environmental Management Authority. The Annual Trash Poster Contest winners are announced in April each year.

Entry Forms

Entry forms can be obtained by contacting the ODOT Beautification Office 405-521-4037, or by going to the ODOT Website, odot.ok.gov, clicking on “Programs and Projects,” then clicking on “Beautification,” and then clicking on “Poster Contest” and printing the Trash Poster Contest Entry Form from your computer. The contest begins in December each year.

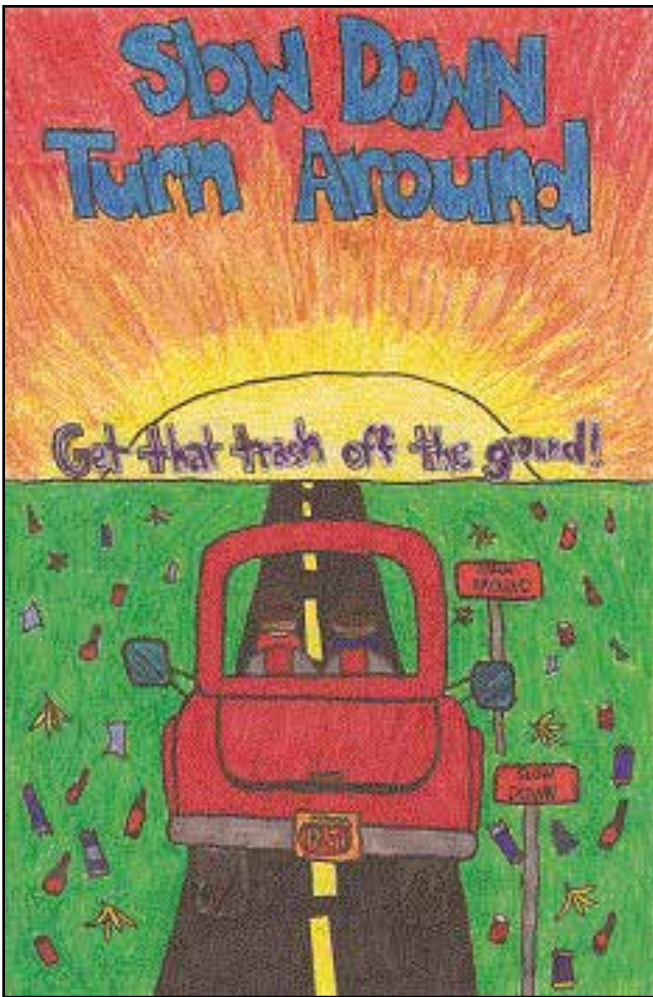
The entry form must be filled out completely, legibly, and in detail, and attached to the upper right corner on the BACK of the poster. Entries must be sent to your local County Department of Environmental Quality Office (DEQ) by the last working business day of January each year. Late entries or entries sent to the wrong office will NOT be judged.

Contest Divisions

The contest is divided into four divisions by grade: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. All Oklahoma K-12 students are eligible and encouraged to enter.

Prizes

Local Prizes – All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place county winners receive a certificate. Some local sponsors also present other prizes, but those vary



The 2015 Promotional Poster of the Year was awarded to 8th grader, Abby Reed in Love County. (Courtesy photo)

by county.

State Prizes – State judging is completed in early March. In April, each of the 13 state winners will receive a cash award for first, second and third places from each grade category, and for the “Promotional Poster of the Year.” State winners also will receive a T-shirt with their design on it and a mounted poster board copy and laminated placemat of their poster. Teachers of the 13 state winners receive vouchers for a two-night stay at an Okla-

homa State Park and vouchers to purchase classroom school art supplies.

Awards Luncheon

State winners and teachers are honored at an April Awards Event at the ODOT Building in Oklahoma City. The winning students are also introduced to the Oklahoma State House of Representatives at the State Capitol that same day. All state winners and their teachers receive proper notification prior to the awards event.

IAIA announces new online class in the Performing Arts Department

Playwriting 1 (Instructor Jay Muskett)

This course is an introduction to the writing of plays with concentration on form and techniques. The objective of this course is to instill the qualities and structure of basic playwriting so that students, at the end of this course, can complete a piece of their own as well as be able to appreciate the form as a means of expression.

In order to accomplish this, students will dive into the particulars that makes up the craft of playwriting as well as developing a healthy habit of writing. Students will also be reading plays and analyzing them.

Jay B Muskett is a Diné writer and director from Mexican Springs, N.M. He is a graduate from the University of New Mexico with a BA in Theatre and a BA Media Arts. He is currently adjunct faculty at IAIA.

“I fully believe that the culture of theatre is an actual extension of Native culture. You can't have one without the other as they breathe life into one another,” Muskett stated.

Daniel Banks, Chair of the Performing Arts Department at IAIA remarked, “We are very lucky to have playwright Jay Muskett working with Performing Arts at IAIA. He taught Playwriting

1 on campus last semester and the student work generated over the course of the semester was dynamic, risky and inspiring. Jay is a true artist and a brilliant teacher.”

Admission is open now, Spring Semester classes start Jan. 19, 2016. To apply for Playwriting 1 or other online classes or for more information about Performing Arts at IAIA email PerformingArts@iaia.edu.

For more information on IAIA classes, please contact the IAIA Office of Admissions and Recruitment by phone at 800-804-6422, or via e-mail at admissions@iaia.edu.

Offering undergraduate degrees in Studio Arts, Cinematic Arts and Technology, Creative Writing, Museum Studies and Indigenous Liberal Studies, and graduate degrees in Creative Writing, IAIA has graduated more than 3,800 students, and welcomes students from the 567 federally-recognized tribes and non-Native Americans looking to obtain a world-class arts education. In any given year, as many as 112 tribes are represented on campus, with about 20 percent of its student body non-Native American, adding to the vibrant cultural mix of IAIA's diverse and welcoming students, faculty and staff.

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Watonga Lucky Star expansion in the works

Plans to expand the Watonga based Lucky Star Casino are being finalized. The expansion will begin in late summer 2016, early fall, according to Lucky Star Casino General Manager Mannix Barnes.

“Our C&A Transportation Department has completed the removal of trees to make way for a much needed parking lot at our Watonga Casino. We are also working on plans to expand the Watonga Casino that would include more than 10,000 sq. ft. of floor space to accommodate more machines, diner/deli and add table games. We feel the proposed expansion would create more job opportunities for tribal members located in Watonga and surrounding areas. Part of the proposal would also include a feasibility study to determine the impact and need for a C-Store Travel Truck plaza in the same area,” Barnes said. “The Governor and Lt. Governor have also been working diligently with local mu-

nicipalities on signage and other opportunities for our casinos and travel centers. If you drive through El Reno you will see the new directional signage that’s being installed throughout the city. We plan to do the same at all of our other locations.”

Lucky Star Casino (formerly named Feather Warrior) was first opened in April 2004. In 2009 the casino was named “Business of the Year” at the 84th annual Watonga Chamber of Commerce Achievement Award banquet.

“The Cheyenne and Arapaho people should be very excited about the progress and changes we are making at our different casinos across western Oklahoma. I am fortunate to work with such a business minded administration whose vision includes the proposed expansion of our Watonga casino and the complete upgrade of our current facilities at Concho, Clinton and Canton,” Barnes said.







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